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Appellants : Miller et al

Docket No. : IL-10091

Serial No. : 09/394,159

Art Unit : 1724

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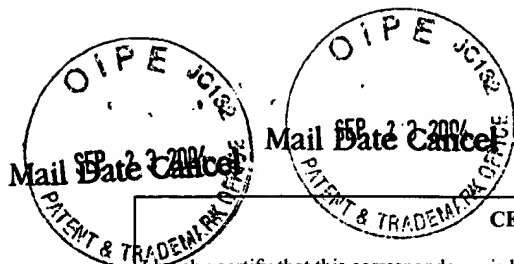
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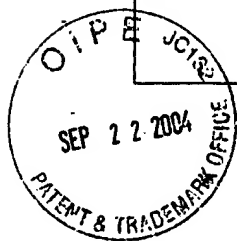
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION  
MAILED August 27, 2004**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 27, 2004, please amend the  
above-identified application in the following manner: